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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☒ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-4, 6, 7, 9, 10	YES
	Claims	5, 8	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-10	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1: FR, A, 1086320
D2: US, A, 4070131
D3: FR, A1, 2588317
D4: DE, A1, 4122667
D5: EP, A2, 0097635

Each of documents D1-D4 disclose a wind power plant of cyclone type comprising a base, a tower above the base and being open at the top and provided with a side inlet for the wind to generate a cyclone in the tower. The tower is rotated during operation such that the wind inlet of the tower is maintained towards the wind. The wind power plant further comprises a substantially horizontal turbine having inlets through the base and outlet to the centre of the cyclone in the tower and being connected for driving a generator. The tower of the wind power plants described in D1-D3 are formed such that they have an elliptical shape in the horizontal plane.

Document D5 discloses a device for producing heat energy and simultaneously auto-regulating the speed of a windmill or wind-turbine, which comprises a water brake mounted on the rotating shaft of the windmill or the wind-turbine.

The method defined in claim 1 differs from the subject matter discloses in D1-D4 in that the tower is maintained in a leaning position to the vertical in a direction parallel to the wind. This characteristic must be

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Supplemental Box

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considered unclear, as it is not defined why the tower should be maintained in a leaning position. The purpose of the method defined by claim 1, must be interpreted as being to obtain a tower with an elliptical shape in the horizontal plane, as defined in claim 5 and 6. However, this is not defined in claim 1 nor does claim 1 define the shape of the tower in a vertical position. Additionally, it must be considered a mere choice for a person skilled in the art to lean a wind power plant known from any of D1-D4 in order to influence the horizontal shape of the tower without the exercise of inventive skill. Considering these circumstances, claim 1 can not be considered to differ in any essential way from the subject matter disclosed in D1-D4, and does therefore not involve an inventive step.

The wind power plant according to claims 5 and 8 does not differ from the wind power plants disclosed in D1-D3 and does therefore lack in novelty.

The subject matter of claims 2-4, 6, 7 and 9 must be considered obvious to a person skilled in the art, especially in light of documents D1-D4, and does therefore not involve an inventive step.

Arranging a rotor shaft in a wind power plant for driving a water brake for heating water, is per se known from e.g. D5. The person skilled in the art would therefore regard it as a normal option to include this feature in a wind power plant known from any of D1-D3 in order to obtain a wind power plant according to claim 10. Claim 10 does therefore not involve an inventive step.

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Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawing or on the question whether the claim are fully supported by the description, are made:

Claim 1 can not be considered to be clear and concise since it is not defined why the tower should be maintained in a leaning position nor is the shape of the tower in a vertical position defined. Claim 1 does therefore not fulfil PCT Article 6